

REGION 6 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TOPIC: Devil's Swamp Lake, Baton Rouge, LA

DATE: 9/5/12

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PURPOSE/ACTION NEEDED :

DEADLINE DATE:

BACKGROUND:

Sampling by the State in the 1980's found contamination, PCBs in the Lake and in a drainage ditch leading to the former Rollins Facility. In 1987 fish consumption advisory was issued by LDHH & LDEQ.

The Site was proposed to the NPL list in 2008, Unilateral order signed December 3, 2009 for the RI/FS issued to one of the responsible Parties (Clean Harbors)

CURRENT STATUS:

The Teir 2 part of the investigation sampling was completed in July 2012(with the exception of crawfish, which were not available at the time) and results should be final by the end of 2012.

ENVIRONMENTAL/PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS:

The Alsen Community closest to the Devil's Swamp Lake, has been concerned that the contamination has entered the Community and adversely affected their Health. They also believe their water is contaminated. (The investigations have not led the EPA to the Community and the Water is part of the Baton Rouge Water System, which is tested by the City of Baton Rouge. LDHH and The EPA tested water in 2010, at the Communities request, and found no contamination)

TECHNICAL CONCERNS:

REGULATORY/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Water

Community Contamination

Health (Cancer)

RECOMMENDATIONS:



Workforce Diversity, Environmental Stewardship Character, Accountability, Respect, Excellence